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FISCAL YEAR 2016 GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

- New gifts and commitments totaled \$3,126,999
- 60% of new gifts were dedicated to academic programs and faculty support, including Morris's first-ever endowed professorship
- More than 600 students benefited from private giving support last year
- Annual Fund gifts increased by 13%

Here we celebrate the things we share: the things that make us human, the things that inspire us, drive us, and move us. Here we celebrate our greatest passions as well as our shared passion for this place, which connects everyone in our extended and immediate Morris family.

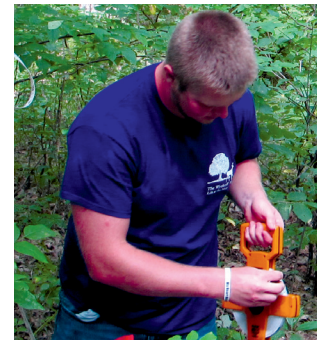
WE SHARE A SENSE OF PLACE

We all know that college is hard, but Punky '73 and Mary Soehren Heppner '76 understand it better than most. As psychologists and academics, not to mention former first-generation high-school and college students, the Heppners appreciate the struggles many students face throughout their undergraduate careers. They also understand that a sense of belonging can ground those students and contribute to their success. That's why they are commissioning a sculpture to do just that. Their gift will become a defining element of the Morris campus, adding to its sense of place and celebrating the "strength, resilience, compassion, and heart of the indigenous peoples" here. Moreover, the sculpture will reflect the transformative power of education in preparing the next generation of all cultural groups for their life journeys. "We believe that art can play a vital role in the transformative experience of education," they write, nurturing "human connection, interaction, and understanding."



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Students are hard at work on ecology and climate research at the EcoStation outdoor learning venue, which makes its home on land gifted to Morris by a private donor. This work will continue, thanks in part to gifts made to the Johnson-Lisk Family Fund for the EcoStation. Made in honor of Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson's retirement from Morris, these gifts will provide ongoing support for the EcoStation and all who study there.

GIVING TO MORRIS

In partnership with the University of Minnesota Foundation, gifts designated to Morris are received by and invested in the Morris campus. The Foundation serves as the legal, charitable entity for the University system.

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40%

of Morris students are
first-generation college students

27%

of Morris students are
students of color

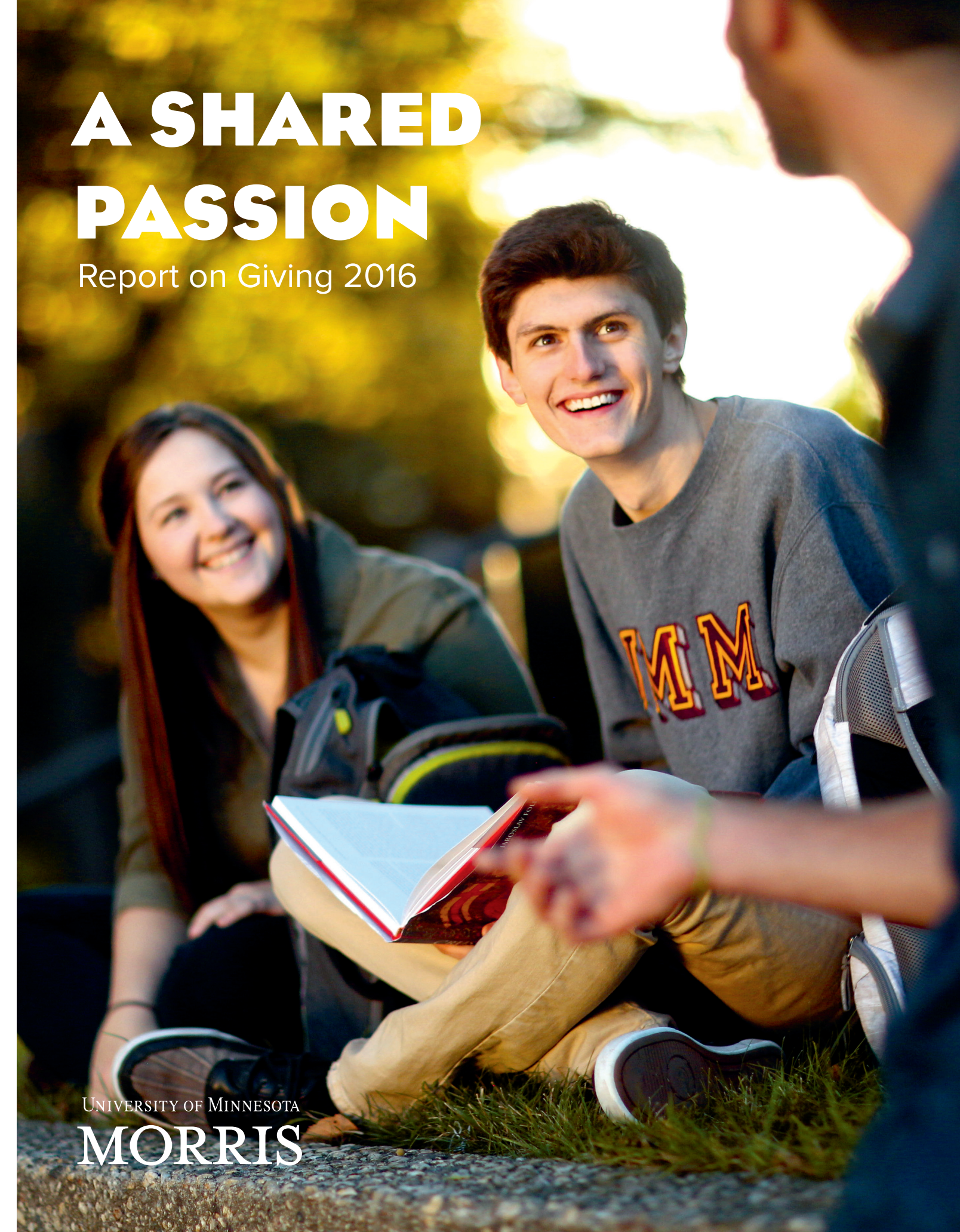
18%

of Morris students are
American Indian students

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2016 DONORS

friends/foundations/
organizations (5%)

alumni (95%)

WE SHARE A SENSE OF PRIDE

Daniel J. Moore '07 has loved Morris since he first stepped on campus in 2003, and he wears that love on his sleeve—often quite literally. His love reached new heights earlier this year when Moore became president of the UMM Alumni Association. Spending time on campus with students and families, faculty, staff, and administrators inspired in him a desire not just to love, but to sustain, the campus. To do so, he made an unrestricted bequest gift to be used as the campus sees fit. “I have no idea what Morris will need 50, 60, 70 years from now, but there’s a thrill in not knowing what the future holds, and I feel good about leaving a legacy that truly will outlive me,” Moore says. “A legacy not for my lifetime, but for the next lifetime.”



WE SHARE A FEW LAUGHS

Friends remember Krista Leraas '96 as someone who loved to laugh, and few things got her going quite like the Happy Bench. There she and friends like Veronika Jurisch Grace '96 would while away

their afternoons. Whether making up stories as people passed or crooning Blood, Sweat & Tears' “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy,” these “silly girls belting out a tune” were always happier getting up than when they sat down, Grace says. That’s why she and others have honored Leraas, who passed away in 2015, with a memorial bench—a new Happy Bench—located outside the Student Center. “We hope it will be known and loved by many as a favorite landmark during their college years and a place to meet and think and laugh as much as we all did.”



Post 5039 of Morris Scholarship, which is designated for area military students and family members. “We wanted other veterans to have an opportunity to get some advanced education,” he says. “No one does more for veterans” than the VFW, and few have done more for Morris than Storck.

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consecutive years in which Morris has been named a Victory Media Military Friendly School

WE SHARE A SENSE OF DUTY

Ted Storck '54 is, in a word, passionate. A respected veteran, an involved alumnus, and a loyal friend, Storck has long supported Morris. The former president of the West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Association Board of Directors, founder of the Theodore S. Storck Scholarship in Memory of Anthony and Thelma Storck, and present commander of VFW Post 5039 took his demonstrated commitment to the campus and community one step further when he rallied his fellow members to create the Veterans of Foreign Wars

WE SHARE A PASSION FOR SERVICE

Dr. Eric Crabtree '97 knew from a young age that he was called to serve others. Through his Christian mission work, volunteerism, military service, and medical practice, Eric dedicated his life to others' well-being—and was respected for it. When he unexpectedly passed away last November, his community honored him and his work by contributing to a memorial fund that not only “represented who Eric was,” but also was leveraged to create an endowed scholarship at Morris, among other things. “God gives us many great gifts, and we are called to use them wisely as a blessing to others,” says Eric’s wife, Bridget '97. “Through this scholarship we can give back to the place where we met and impact many lives for quite some time.”



\$1,226,536

in giving designated to scholarships and student support in 2016

2016 GIFTS BY DESIGNATION

scholarships and student support (39%)

facilities/research (1%)

academic program/
faculty support (60%)

WE SHARE A LOVE OF THE GAME

There are many ways to give back to your alma mater: through your time, through your service.

For the past eight years, Paul Burke Kiger '73 has given back through golf balls. An avid golfer, Kiger sends a box to the golf team each year for practice. Having golfed at Morris as an undergraduate, he now not only maintains ties to his former team, but also helps alleviate its student debt. Because players provide their own balls for practice rounds, those that Kiger sends offset the added expense for student-athletes. According to Mark Fohl, coach and retired director of intercollegiate athletics, “the players truly do appreciate” Kiger’s thoughtful gift.



1 in 5

Morris students is a varsity athlete



MORRIS STUDENTS SAY, “THANK YOU!”

View their Attitude of Gratitude at morris.umn.edu/gratvideo

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With gratitude, we welcome these new members to the University of Minnesota Presidents Club and recognize those Morris donors who reached a new giving level.

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